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- 1. The Bulgarian Amarcho-Communist Federation is an underground and illegal organization dedicated to active opposition to the Bulgarian Government, the Fatherland Front, the Communist Party and the presence of the Soviet Union in Bulgaria.
- 2. The "clandestine committee" of the Anarcho-Communist Federation is partially composed of former members of the International Brigades who fought in the Spanish Civil War. Many of the officials of the Federation are capable, educated, and experienced in revolutionary tactics. They consider themselves enemies of Capitalism and Socialism, of Soviet and American imperialism, and are "spiritually on the side of Western democracy and opposed to Communist dictatorship".
- 3. The history of Anarcho-Communism dates back to their pre-war struggle against the Bulgarian Monarchy and against the government under Nazi influence during the war. The members of the Federation fought in the resistance; they were hunted and interned in concentration camps and participated in the revolution of September 1944 which brought about the Peoples' Republic of Bulgaria.
- 4. With the establishment of the Republic, the Anarcho-Communist centers, their newspapers and their meetings were gradually restricted, suppressed and finally outlawed. Federation members were dismissed from official government positions and their influence in labor unions was invalidated. The more prominent members were interned in concentration camps, many for the second time. Today, the Federation is completely underground.
- 5. Certain Anarcho-Communists list the opposition political organizations in Bulgaria today in the following order: In the first position, they place the Agrarian Farty which officially collaborates with Premier Georgi Dimitrov. These Agrarians are Republican, Democrats, Progressives and only an insignificant minority are Communists. The latter are nevertheless the rulers of the Party and of the Government in general. The second place is occupied by the Democrat group composed of liberals and leftists of Western and anti-Communist orientation. Within this group are the Zveno, Radical and the non-Communist Socialist Parties. The third party is the Labor group or the Communist Party, which today controls the Fatherland Front and the Bulgarian Government. The Anarcho-Communist Federation is placed in the fourth position. Its source of strength is in the peasants and in the labor unions.

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6. The Rightists, Reactionaries and Monarchists are considered to be of such slight importance today that they are not even listed as opposition groups. Georgi M. Dimitrov, the exiled Agrarian in the United States is considered insignificant as an opposition leader, whereas the executed Nikola Petkov is spoken of with respect and honor. The "Democrat and Socialist oppositionists" are said to be led by a certain Nudranov and Kosta Lulchev, respectively.

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